

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Wolfgang RAPP et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1711
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Serial No.: 10/520,532)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: September 27, 2005)	
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For: POLYMER AFFINITY MATRIX, A)	
METHOD FOR THE)	
PRODUCTION AND USE)	
THEREOF)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

In a Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species (the "Requirement") dated November 14, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between the following groups of claims:

- Group 1, claims 1-25, and 36-37, drawn to a polymer affinity matrix;
- Group 2, claims 26-28, and 32-34, drawn to a method of removal; and
- Group 3, claims 29-31 and 28-46, drawn to a method of producing.

Requirement, page 2.

In addition, upon election of any one of the above groups, the Examiner also requires election of a single species of solid support, spacer, and ligand. See Requirement, page 4.

In response to the Restriction requirement, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, group 1, i.e. claims 1-25 and 36-37.

With respect to the species election, Applicants elect crosslinked polystyrene and polyethylene glycol, as set forth in claim 25, as the species of solid support and spacer. As the species of ligand, Applicants elect the second formula set forth in claim 13, i.e., where the binding unit is Lys(Arg)₂. Claims 1-25, and 36-37 are generic to these species. Applicants expect that, if the elected species is found allowable, the Examiner will continue to examine the full scope of claims 1-25 and 36-37 to the extent necessary to determine the patentability of these claims, i.e., to extend the search to a reasonable number of the non-elected species, as required by M.P.E.P. § 803.02 and 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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